Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was recognized to statehood in 1989, and celebrates its Centennial this year; and,

WHEREAS, Trees and shrubs provide many benefits to agriculture, commerce, business, transportation and wildlife, not to mention the aesthetic and recreational rewards everyone receives; and,

WHEREAS, Our ancestors from early settlers to grandparents of today have been concerned for the future and moved to plant trees on the windswept prairies, in our communities, and around our farmsteads; and,

WHEREAS, There are few better and more enduring ways to observe our state's Centennial than by planting trees as living legacies for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Twenty-four South Dakota communities will be recognized nationally this year as Tree Cities USA; and,

WHEREAS, Conservation tree planting by South Dakota's Conservation Districts increased by 1,157 acres from 1987 to 1988, and will likely total over 5,000 acres in 1989; and,

WHEREAS, The planting of trees and shrubs on or around Arbor Day should become a tradition to all of us each and every year:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 1989, as

STATE CENTENNIAL ARBOR DAY

and the entire week of April 24 through 30, 1989, as

STATE CENTENNIAL ARBOR WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all South Dakotans to actively plan and carry out Centennial tree planting projects for the betterment of our state, and to become more aware of the values and benefits trees provide and their importance to the well-being of the people and the state of South Dakota. Further, I urge all citizens to demonstrate their concern for future generations by giving the gift of planted trees on South Dakota's Centennial Arbor Day and throughout the Arbor Day season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE